



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Michitaka Urushima

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD OF THE  
SAME

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 20, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Claims 1, 3-8, 25, and 31 are all the claims presently pending in the application.

Claims 1, 4 and 31 have been amended to more clearly define the invention and claims 2, 9-24, and 26-30 have been canceled. Claims 1, 3, 5-8, 25, and 31 are independent.